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AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (previously presented) A method for preparation of a gaseous sample while being drawn through a hollow needle into a syringe for extraction and enrichment of a volatile component from the sample for subsequent introduction into an analytical device, whereby for extraction of an analyte of interest the sample is flushed through a stationary phase located between the hollow needle and the syringe and having an increased volume compared to the interior of the needle.
2. (previously presented) A device for carrying out the method as claimed in claim 1, comprising a syringe, and a hollow needle connected to a syringe body, wherein, between the needle and the syringe body, a chamber is provided which is wider than the cross section of the needle and in which a packing of an extraction material for extracting an analyte of interest from a gaseous sample is located.
3. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the chamber is provided with a means for heating the extraction material.